



A KENTUCKY BATTLE.

One Man is Killed and Several are Fatally Wounded.

Eight or Ten of Magoffin's Citizens Engaged on Each Side.

The bloodiest fight in Magoffin county's history took place about one mile from Salersville. There were eight or ten of the county's best known citizens engaged on each side, armed with repeating rifles and saw pistols. The trouble had its inception in a trivial matter the day before.

John Davis was killed by a pistol shot said to have been fired after he was disabled and disarmed.

W. F. Perkins, constable, was fatally wounded by a shot in the right hip, the ball passing upward through the bowels.

Monteville Perkins, a justice of the peace, has not been found since the fight. He left a bloody trail on the snow through a woodland near the scene of the tragedy, and is supposed to be fatally wounded. The gun with which he is known to have been armed was found in the woods.

Shepherd Cole, coroner of the county, received a mortal blow with a clubbed gun, and may die.

Brice Patrick was shot through the bowels and is reported to be dying.

W. T. Patrick, a brother of ex-Sheriff J. C. Patrick, received a rifle ball along the right side of the head and was at first supposed to be dead, but he has rallied, and physicians say he will live if there is no concussion of the brain.

Reports as to who was immediately responsible for the terrible affair are conflicting, and it is not even known who fired the fatal shots.

Dug Riser and Samuel Riser were taken by Coroner Cole and a strong guard, charged under a warrant issued by Magoffin. The coroner committed the dangerous duty of making a guard of the persons who were identified with the prosecution, and for whose protection the warrant was issued. This was resented by the friends of the prisoners and both sides went to town heavily armed.

The prisoners were arraigned before Police Judge George H. Garner, and the Commonwealth not being ready for trial, they were released under bond. The Rises were nearly precipitated a fight in town by two of the party, but prompt interference of the authorities prevented it. The fight took place an hour later. No arrests have been made, and it is feared that another fight is imminent.

CABLE SPARKS.

JOHN RUSKINS, the celebrated writer on art, is lame.

A cottage in Herzogenburg, Austria, was buried under snow, and two of the occupants perished.

OVER 150,000 workmen in Quebec are out of employment and on the verge of starvation.

The clerical seminary at Warsaw, together with the church of the Holy Trinity, were destroyed by fire.

ANTON VON SCHEMELLA, the Austrian statesman and one of the founders of the Austrian constitution, is dying.

EVIDENCE before the French Parliament Commission investigating the Panama Canal scandal showed that the expenditures in corrupting the press were but a trifle when compared with the enormous amount lost in bogus contracts.

The Dominion government has decided that it will hear the argument upon the appeal of the Catholics of Manitoba against the enforcement of the act passed by the present legislature abolishing the separate school system in that province.

ENGLISH officers in London conversation with the condition of affairs in the Sudan believe that the report that a body of Egyptian troops had recently defeated a force of Mohammedan men, near Amba, is entirely untrue. The officers who were annihilated the Egyptian troops were the contrary.

The Baroness de Roque, mother of Mrs. Markes, the American woman serving sentence in England for poisoning her husband, denies the statement in the St. James Gazette of London, that her daughter had a transfusion of blood from the stomach, and thereby created the impression that she was in the final stages of consumption.

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

Final Returns Make Cleveland's Majority 108.

The composition of the Electoral College, chosen on the 8th of November, is at length definitely ascertained, the last question in dispute having been settled by the decision of the Supreme Court of Oregon, which gives to a Democratic-Republican candidate for Electoral votes which were cast in counties where his name appeared twice on the official ballot. The Electors, as chosen by the several States, are politically divided as follows:

State	Cleveland	Harris	Wheat
Alabama	11	11	11
Arkansas	8	8	8
California	8	8	8
Colorado	8	8	8
Connecticut	6	6	6
Delaware	3	3	3
Florida	4	4	4
Georgia	13	13	13
Idaho	3	3	3
Illinois	15	15	15
Indiana	15	15	15
Iowa	13	13	13
Kansas	10	10	10
Kentucky	13	13	13
Louisiana	8	8	8
Maine	6	6	6
Maryland	8	8	8
Massachusetts	15	15	15
Michigan	15	15	15
Minnesota	10	10	10
Mississippi	10	10	10
Missouri	17	17	17
Montana	2	2	2
Nebraska	8	8	8
Nevada	4	4	4
New Hampshire	10	10	10
New Jersey	10	10	10
New York	36	36	36
North Carolina	11	11	11
North Dakota	10	10	10
Ohio	1	1	1
Oregon	3	3	3
Pennsylvania	20	20	20
Rhode Island	4	4	4
South Carolina	9	9	9
South Dakota	4	4	4
Tennessee	15	15	15
Texas	15	15	15
Vermont	4	4	4
Virginia	12	12	12
Washington	4	4	4
West Virginia	6	6	6
Wisconsin	12	12	12
Wyoming	3	3	3
Total	275	144	24
Total number of votes	444	108	108
Cleveland's majority	108		

The American bark Herbert Fuller has reached New York with twelve persons rescued from the wrecked schooner Levanos off Hatteras.

Nine sailors were fifty-three hours ashore to the roof of the afterhouse of the waterlogged vessel.

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FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

Senate.

13TH DAY.—In the Senate the certificate of election of Presidential electors from a number of States were presented and filed.

An order was made, after the routine morning business, that the two bills on the calendar reported by the Committee on Epidemic Diseases and on Immigration, having relation to the danger of the introduction of cholera into the United States, be the special order and have exclusive consideration without other intervening business.

The Anti-option bill was then taken up as the unfinished business, and considered until the Senate went into recessive session. After a recess of one hour the Senate adjourned.

14TH DAY.—In the Senate a statement was called for of the states holding claims against Spain for illegal arrest.

A resolution was passed over which asked the Secretary of State whether the proposed suspension of immigration from the Philippines was a violation of the treaty between the United States and the Philippines.

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15TH DAY.—In the Senate the day was given exclusively to the bill on the subject of quarantine regulations and its corrective measures.

Mr. Chandler spoke for about three hours, devoting most of his argument to the late named bill, although the other was really the one that was up for discussion. To this latter, however, an amendment was pending to authorize the President to issue a proclamation suspending immigration from countries where cholera was prevailing.

Mr. Chandler treated the proposition as an act of cowardice on the part of the President instead of taking, as the President had done, the responsibility of it.

Arguments against the quarantine bill were made by Senators McPherson, of New Jersey, and Platt, of Connecticut, of New Jersey, and Platt, of Connecticut, of New Jersey, and Platt, of Connecticut, of New Jersey.

Many amendments were offered, some of which were agreed to, the others going over.

House.

15TH DAY.—In the House a bill was passed admitting five of the shipwreck of the United States steamer at Trenton and Vandana.

Mr. Martin called up the private pension bill on the calendar for discussion, but said that in view of the fact that the laws permitted almost anyone to secure a pension, it was time for Congress to call a halt in the enactment of special laws.

The day's business was completed, and the House adjourned.

16TH DAY.—The regular order was demanded in the House, which was the consideration of the private pension bills, of which a number was passed.

The Appropriation bill was placed without debate, after which the consideration of private pension bills was resumed until the House adjourned.

17TH DAY.—In the House the bill to provide for the pay and muster of certain officers and men of the volunteer forces were passed, as were a number of private pension bills.

WORK AND WORKERS.

FIFTEEN thousand dollars' worth of gold has been shipped from 35 tons of rock taken from the Caribou gold mine, near Truro, Nova Scotia.

A LARGE crop of natural gas was struck at well No. 12, Sandy Creek, near Oswego. The noise of the escaping gas could be heard at a distance of two miles.

The local telegraph of the Erie Railroad at Sandusky, Pa., are on eight hours' time, a reduction of one hour. A similar reduction will be made in the other Erie shops.

The local Federation of Labor at Washington, D. C., embracing 25 organizations, has adopted resolutions asking Congress to restrict immigration for five years. It is said that nearly one-half of the delegates to the Federation are foreign born.

THREE more anthracite blast furnaces—L. Export, Robinson and Shear—are to be erected in Pennsylvania, which will go into blast this month, after a protracted idleness.

COLORADO's total mineral production during 1902 was valued at \$1,865,124, of which \$28,161,111 was in silver. Her total mineral output in 1891 was \$3,845,941.

The representatives of the various organizations of hotel employees, who have been in conference at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for several days, have decided to recommend to their respective orders a plan of "system federation."

It is reported that Durango, Colorado, that 7000 gold miners are "striding along" the San Juan river, at a distance of 150 miles, and that they are coming in at the rate of 300 per day from Green River, Utah, and as many through Durango. One company has 2000 men at work.

A LETTER from the Vice President Hickey, of the American Association of Iron Workers, to a man in West Superior, Wisconsin, declares a systematic and extensive plan to boycott the Christopher Columbus passenger wharves built for the World's Fair, because the vessel is built of steel plates from the West Superior Steel and Iron Company, which is a non-union shop.

DISASTERS AND CASUALTIES

JOHN MORGAN left Freehold to walk to Houghton, Pa. He lost his way and was found frozen to death.

JOSEPH and Henry Austin, 11 and 13 years old respectively, were drowned at Watertown, Conn.

JOHN and Paul Ciolek, Poles, were struck by a Lehigh Valley train near Fairview, Pa. John was killed and Paul fatally injured.

A snow-plow on the Great Northern Railroad was wrecked near Java Station, in Montana, by an avalanche, and four men were killed.

The wife of Dr. H. L. Richardson, of New York, was fatally burned at her house in Sea Cliff, Long Island, by her clothing catching fire from a range.

ANNEWY FASSETT, an Italian, of Pittsburgh, saved two children from being run over by a locomotive, but in doing so sustained injuries which may prove fatal.

The works of the Fort Wayne Electric Company, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, were damaged by fire to the extent of \$250,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

Two sons of William Smith, aged 7 and 8 years, of Dallas, Texas, who went rabbit hunting and did not return home, were found dead, locked in each other's arms. They were frozen to death.

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PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

MR. SWINBURNE has written a long poem on Grace Darling. His early life was passed in the locality which was the scene of her heroism, and he knew her father.

At a business center in Elizabeth N. J., one railroad is to be carried by viaduct over a thoroughfare and another railroad will cross the first by means of another viaduct.

It makes a man who yearns to kill a deer, but never saw one, weep to read that a locomotive on the Great Northern railroad, near Montpelier, ran into a herd of 100 antelope and killed seven. But the locomotive had to lay up for repairs.

A CANDIDATE for Senator from Connecticut, Augustus Branigan, a man not well known now, but of distinction in the last generation. He was a brilliant fellow in Lincoln's time, and served three terms in Congress. In the Republican National convention of 1880 he divided attention with such orators as Conkling.

DONNELSON CAPPERY, of St. Mary's Parish, the new Senator from Louisiana, has heroic stuff in him. In the dead of night during the late armed unpleasantness he swam into Atchafalaya Bay, carrying a torpedo, and put under a Union man-of-war. The torpedo didn't go off, but the deed was none the less daring. He is a lawyer and a planter.

HENRY LOOMIS NELSON, one of the editorial writers of the New York World, is mentioned among the friends and associates of the President-elect as destined by the latter for the office of private secretary. Mr. Nelson was private secretary of Senator Carlisle during his tenure of the Speakership of Congress, and is well known to be on terms of close intimacy with Mr. Cleveland.

THE Queen had the traditional boat's head on the table on Christmas Day. Likewise the appropriate game pie and royal baron of beef. This latter, which as some youthful people may not know, is simply the two undivided sirloins of beef, was roasted at the great kitchen fire at Windsor. When it was cold it was adorned with her Majesty's monogram in abraded silver and set out on the royal sideboard. Ten days before Christmas the Prince of Wales received a fine live boar as a present from his august mamma, and the presumption is that it fulfilled its mission at the appointed time.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

State of the Nation's Finances at the Close of the Year.

The public debt statement for December, has just been issued. It shows that in the last month of the year there was a net increase of the debt of the United States to the amount of \$118,853.39. The items from which this increase was made up were as follows: Increase of interest-bearing debt \$100; decrease of debt bearing no interest, \$67,171.60; decrease of debt on which interest has been paid, \$44,669; decrease of net cash in the Treasury, \$1,233,330.00.

On the 31st ult. the totals of the items were: Interest-bearing debt, \$55,031,081.88; debt on which interest has been paid, \$2,855,043.26; debt bearing no interest, \$3,710,627.87.

The total gold in the Treasury December 31 was \$238,591,214, against \$14,508,656.89. At the end of November silver increased from \$458,496,138.55 to \$463,369,518.01. Against two deposits of \$100,000,000 outstanding \$141,317,880 gold certificates and \$325,783.54 silver certificates.

The net cash balance (surplus) in the Treasury at the end of the year was \$29,094,883.82. Of this amount \$10,000,000.00 was national bank deposits, and \$10,571,480.82 is sub-treasury cash. The net cash balance November 30 was \$30,328,918.50.

The Government has ordered the arrest of all Morrocco soldiers found in the empire.

THE CHILD-GARDEN.

In the child-garden but is and blows A blossom lovelier than the rose.

If all the flowers of all the earth In one garden broke to birth,

Not the fairest of the fair Could with this sweet bloom compare;

Nor would all their shining be Peer to its lone bravery.

Fairer than the rose, I say! Fairer than the sun-bright day

In whose rays all glories show, All beauty is, all blossoms blow.

What this blossom, fragrant, tender, That outshines the rose's splendor—

Purer is, more true and light Than the lily's flame of white!

Of beauty bath this flower the whole— And its name—the Human Soul!

While beside it deeply shine Blooms that take its light divine:

The perilous sweet flower of Hope Here its hiding eyes doth ope,

And Gentleness doth near uphold Its healing waves and heart of gold;

Here tender fingers push the seed Of Knowledge; pluck the poisonous weed.

Here blossoms Joy one singing hour, And here of Love the immortal flower.

—R. W. Gilder, in the Century.

LOVE AND LUCRE.

AURA," said Mr. Cyrus Merivale to his wife, as he drew a close fitting pair of kid gloves over his large, fluffy fingers,

"Jack Hoberton has been paying considerable attention to our Catherine of late, and I shouldn't be surprised if something came of it."

"I hope so," returned Mrs. Merivale, languidly, "for he has lots of money, people say."

"Oh, Hoberton is a bright young man and will make his mark yet, there is no doubt about that, and he may be able to help us out of our miserable debts," said Mr. Merivale.

The speaker went to the window and for some time stood contemplating the landscape. "The painters have been working on Robertson's house," said he, finally, "and everything looks brand new."

"Yes," said Mrs. Merivale, "and it makes our place look simply wretched. You must borrow some money, Cyrus, and get things fixed up or we shall be so socially ostracized."

"I will see about it," said Merivale, in a dejected tone, "but I don't know where I can get any. I wish Kate and Jack were married; they might help to keep up appearances."

The keeping up of appearances had been Mr. Merivale's lifelong hobby. This and a tendency for risky speculation had kept him poor, but he lived in anticipation of future opulence and possessed the cordial sympathy of his wife, so things were not as bad as they might have been had the domestic tastes of the couple been less harmonious.